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1. USUN NOTES THAT AMB. LUCEY INTENDS TO CONVEY US DISAPPOINTMENT OVER MEXICAN DECISION NOT PROVIDE TROOPS FOR UNIFIL (PARA 3, REF A). USUN RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY MEXICO ALSO TO APPROACH GOM ON UNIFIL FINANCING. APPROACH COULD POINT UP UTILITY OF ACTIVE MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MEMBER STATES FOR UNIFIL. WE TURN TO MEXICO PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS IT INDICATED DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIFIL AND THEN UNFORTUNATELY CHANGED ITS POSITION, A DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS RECEIVED SOME PUBLIC ATTENTION IN NEW YORK. WE REGRET MEXICO WAS NOT ABLE TO SUPPLY A CONTINGENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR UNIFIL. HOWEVER, WE EARNESTLY HOPE MEXICO WILL EXERCISE ITS INFLUENCE WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES IN SUPPORT OF SMOOTH, SPEEDY ADOPTION OF THE SYG'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR UNIFIL AND APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS PER ARTICLE 17(2) OF THE CHARTER. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MEXICO COULD SPEAK WITH AS MANY LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AS POSSIBLE IN THE COMING WEEK. AS USUN HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY

(REF B) THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF LATIN AMERICAN DISINCLINATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL SESSION. MEXICO'S ACTIVE INTEREST COULD HELP TAMP DOWN SUCH SENTIMENT.

2. FOR MEXICO CITY AND JERUSALEM: REF B BEING REPEATED. YOUNG

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